



April 23, 2020

Mr. Bryan Langley
Burleson City Manager
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Subject: Review and adopt an updated Interlocal Cooperative Agreement

Dear City Manager Langley,

As you may recall, in 2018, an opportunity arose for the various stakeholders in the Metropolitan Area EMS Authority (Authority) to convene an official working group to revise and update the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement (ILA) that creates and governs the Authority, to which ILA your City is a party. The goal was to come to consensus on improving the structure and operation of the Authority, and having an improved ILA that reflected those changes.

The stakeholders, including your fire chief, the Emergency Physicians Advisory Board (EPAB), and the First Responders Advisory Board (FRAB) have met multiple times, and I'm pleased to announce that after many months of work, the goal has been achieved.

Enclosed please find a new and much improved amended ILA, along with a chart of the changes. A few major changes to highlight:

- MAEMSA Board of Directors:
 - Expanded from 6 to 9 voting directors, giving EPAB an additional voting member and giving FRAB two voting directors, one of which is the Fort Worth Fire Chief.
 - EPAB's two appointments have a three-year term on the MAEMSA Board
 - Suburban City rep can be removed at any time with 2/3 vote of suburban cities
- Emergency Physicians Advisory Board (EPAB):
 - Provides independent medical oversight to the system and is an advisory board to the MAEMSA Board
 - Voting directors must live in, work, or have formerly worked in the service area, with preference to those who live or work in the service area
 - May add non-voting members with a 2/3 vote of its board
- First Responder Advisory Board (FRAB)
 - FRAB may add non-voting members with a 2/3 vote
- Medical Director
 - May be an employee or contractor of MAEMSA
 - Responsible for the employees in the Office of Medical Director
 - Duties updated to align with state law and current practice

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- Other language updates:
 - Annual Uniform Schedule of Pricing Options sent to the cities by MAEMSA will no longer be required
 - MAEMSA Board to adopt its own conflict of interest policy
 - Defines the executive personnel hired by the Board – the Medical Director, CEO, and General Counsel – and the reporting structure, duties, and procedures for hiring and firing these positions
 - Clarifies the ability of member jurisdictions to govern EMS standby care at special events in their jurisdiction

The Fort Worth City Council will receive a briefing on the proposed agreement in their Friday, April 24th council packets, and will be requested to provide approval at their May 19th city council meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I am available to convene the member city managers via video conference to review and discuss the document, if needed.

I look forward to our continued partnership in one of the greatest prehospital emergency medical care and mobile healthcare systems in the country.

Respectfully,



David Cooke
Fort Worth City Manager

Enclosures: 1 - Draft Interlocal Agreement
2 – Chart outlining ILA changes